

1 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

2 FOR

3 **H. B. 4581**

4 (By Delegates Poore and Frazier)

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6 (Originating in the Committee on Finance)

7 [February 23, 2012]

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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §15-9A-4, relating to
12 establishing a special revenue account designated as the Fund
13 for Civil Legal Services for Low Income Persons; establishing
14 potential sources of funding; and authorizing the Director of
15 the Division of Justice and Community Services to make grants
16 to nonprofit agencies which provide civil legal services to
17 low income persons.

18 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

19 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
20 by adding thereto to a new section, designated §15-9A-4, to read as
21 follows:

22 **ARTICLE 9A. DIVISION OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.**

23 **§15-9A-4. Fund for civil legal services for low income persons.**

24 (a) There is hereby established in the State Treasury a special
25 revenue account, designated as the "Fund for Civil Legal Services

1 for Low Income Persons," which shall consist of all gifts, grants,
2 bequests, transfers, appropriations or other donations or payments
3 which may be received by the Division of Justice and Community
4 Services from any governmental entity or unit or any person, firm,
5 foundation, or corporation for the purposes of this section, and
6 all interest or other return earned from investment of the
7 fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be made by the Director and
8 shall be limited to grants to nonprofit agencies which provide
9 civil legal services to low income persons made at his or her
10 discretion. Any balance in the fund at the end of each fiscal year
11 shall not revert to the general revenue fund but shall remain in
12 the fund and be expended as provided by this section.